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## FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

Two changes in the Governing Body have taken place during the last school year. It was with great regret that we learnt that Lady Martin, following the death of Sir Robert, was leaving Woodhouse Eaves to join her own family in Lancashire. Lady Martin, who was Vice-Chairman of the Governors, had served on the Governing Body for many years, bringing to its consultations a lively mind and a trenchant wit, and to all public occasions of the school great personal charm. She was renowned for her public service in the county, the Girl Guide movement and the N.S.P.C.C. being among her many interests, and to leave Leicestershire must have been a great wrench for her. She gave us a splendid example of a full and unselfish life, lived with great enjoyment and with the good humour which even the indifferent health of recent years could not daunt. We were sorry too when Mr. A. M. Smith, of Quorn, tendered his resignation owing to business commitments which would prevent his attending meetings. An old boy of the School, he had been a most keen and interested Governor, giving us considerable practical help, especially on the occasion of our Garden Parties, and it was typical of him not to cling to office when he felt he could no longer do a useful job.

Mrs. J. B. Thomas, of Woodhouse Eaves, and Mr. H. Newman, of Mountsorrel, have filled the vacancies and already attended meetings. We look forward to their better acquaintance in the coming year and trust that they will enjoy their work for the School. Mrs. L. P. Priestley, the senior woman member of the Governors and a keen educationist, was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman in place of Lady Martin.

The Staff of the School has undergone a few changes also. First of all we were extremely sorry to lose Mrs. Leonard, who during her brief stay had endeared herself to Staff and pupils alike, and who is now lecturing on Needlecraft at Loughborough Training College. Then at the end of the summer term we said goodbye to Miss Dicker, who left to be married, and to Miss Trown. Miss Trown had been in charge of the Mathematics of the School for nearly nine years and had done much to develop the subject. She had a way of inspiring confidence in those with lesser ability and of giving the more able something of her own awareness of the



fascination of mathematics. But she was offered a post as a Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the City of Leicester Training College, and, though we very much regretted her leaving, it is good to think that her new post gives her opportunities to influence the attitude of students who will themselves one day become teachers. We hope that she will find the work interesting and rewarding.

We extend a warm welcome to Miss W. Kitchen from the Staff of Swanage Grammar School, Derbyshire, who has come to us as Head of the Mathematics Department in Miss Trown's place, and to Mr. N. Harvey, who has succeeded Miss Dicker. Inevitably this year will be a difficult one for them for it always takes time to establish oneself in a new school and with the new ideas in mathematics teaching, the experimental Skemp Mathematics and the new C.S.E. syllabus, their task is made doubly hard; but they both bring considerable gifts and energy to their work and we hope that they will soon feel established and happy here. The blow of Mrs. Leonard's departure was lessened by the knowledge that Mrs. Whittam was free to come back to us to assist with Art and Needlework.

During the autumn term last year we had the very happy news that Miss Brown had been elected to a Schoolmistress-Studentship at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, to be taken up for the whole of the summer term. This practice was established by the Oxford Colleges a few years ago, in order to give practising teachers a chance to return to the University to do some further study in their subject or some independent research, and to give the Colleges a better understanding of the problems that the schools face by having an opportunity of day to day talks with teachers. Miss Brown had a wonderful term and learned much that may be of value to us in the future; but it is good to have her back.

This summer, in common with most schools of the County, we entered a number of pupils for the new C.S.E. examination (Certificate of Secondary Education). This examination is designed for pupils just below the G.C.E. ordinary level standard and in the majority of subjects its syllabuses are so different from those of G.C.E. that at present we do not intend to enter pupils in subjects other than French and Mathematics. A Grade I pass in C.S.E. is considered to be equivalent to a G.C.E. pass, but, of course, Grade I's are rare. Some professional bodies have already recognised the Grade I pass and others we hope will do so when the examination becomes more widely known and better established; indeed some people believe that in years to come G.C.E. at Ordinary Level may disappear, and everyone who wishes for an external examination qualification at the age of sixteen will take C.S.E.

Meantime, until the school becomes a Leicestershire Plan school, our C.S.E. entries will be limited to the two subjects I have named and I hope that parents and girls alike will accept our judgment as to which is the more suitable examination for the girls, in these subjects.

The Ministry of Education and Science finally agreed with the local authority that Rawlins should become a Leicestershire Plan Upper School. The hope is that new buildings will be completed in time for the change-over to begin in the Autumn Term of 1967. We face a very difficult time; as well as thinking hard about the new buildings, there are the problems resulting from the introduction of co-education and syllabuses to plan for boys and girls of a much wider range of ability. Thus the next two years are going to be very strenuous ones for the Staff and myself and we shall need everyone's understanding and co-operation.

We shall also need money. No matter how generous the Education Committee can be, and this may depend to some degree on the material situation, there will inevitably be much to provide by our own efforts. The expansion of the library, for example, to meet the reading interests of boys as well as girls, to cater for young people of much more varied tastes and abilities, is itself going to be a very costly undertaking. Thus, in the time that remains we must do all we can to increase our private school funds. On a later page, you will see that the School Activities' Fund for the first time for some years shows a healthy balance, thanks to the grace with which parents accepted my request to double the contributions a year ago. I very much hope that you will continue to pay at the rate of two shillings a term, so that when we can assess more clearly our future needs something useful for the School may be bought from this fund. Inevitably there must be people who are not happy about the change; but everyone must realise that, if we can make a success of it, we are extending the benefits of education to a much greater number of young people and this surely is an aim infinitely worth working towards. The co-operation of parents during our difficult transitional period will be of inestimable value.

#### PREFECTS AND CAPTAINS 1964-65

Head Girl: Josephine Michalska.

Deputy Head Girl: Patricia Bundock.

Head of Sixth Form House: Gillian Welch.

Prefects: Mary Bream, Josephine Burgess, Rowena Carter, Susan Clarke, Nuala Doherty, Gillian Gamble, Wendy Manning, Kathleen Miller, Valerie Palfreyman, Judith Pitts, Barbara Richardson, Carol Seal, Susan Smith, Patricia Soars, Christine Suffolk.



House Captains:

Beaumanor : Wendy Manning.  
Bradgate : Barbara Richardson.  
Garendon : Gillian Gamble.  
Ulverscroft : Josephine Michalska.

Games Captains :

Hockey: Gillian Gamble.  
Netball: Sylvia Watson.  
Rounders: Gillian Waite.  
Tennis: Gillian Gamble.  
Athletics: Sylvia Watson.

Games Secretary: Carol Scard.

## HOUSE NOTES

### BEAUMANOR

In the Inter-House Festival Beaumanor could easily have come first, if everyone had pulled her weight, but as usual the hard work was left to a very small minority, whilst the rest appeared to have no interest. I feel Beaumanor is now at the stage when the members think "Well, we came third last year, we came third this year and we will come third next year." This is not the attitude.

We had a very enjoyable Festival Day, if not very successful. In the winter games we came fourth in every match except the Senior Hockey when we came third. At Sports Day we again were placed in our usual position of third, but I should like to congratulate everyone who took part, for they put the maximum effort into it and there was a great team spirit. Similarly our four members of the tennis team, although they came fourth, were very willing to represent the House, and we are greatly indebted to them.

Our Rounders Team, however, finished the term in a blaze of glory when they came first in the tournament. This shows the height to which Beaumanor can attain.

I should like to thank the Sixth Form for giving the House so much of their time and add thanks especially to Mr. Cook, Mrs. Diggle, and all House representatives.

W.A.M.

### BRADGATE

This year Bradgate has shown a considerable and encouraging improvement in most of the inter-House competitions. We were particularly successful on the games field where the standard of

play has risen commendably. In the winter sports the seniors came second in both the hockey and the netball, while the juniors gained second place in the netball tournament and third place in the hockey. The results of the summer sports were equally encouraging as we took second place in the senior and junior rounders, as well as in the tennis tournament.

The Inter-House Festival, however, proved less inspiring, as we took our habitual bottom place. This, we feel, was partly the result of a lack of enthusiasm and support on the part of some members of the House. An obvious need for talent on the athletics field was also the result of our coming third on Sports Day. Here special thanks are due to Sylvia Watson and Helen Freer who saved the House from complete annihilation!

However, we are very pleased with this year's overall results. We extend our grateful thanks to both girls and Staff members who have given us their help and support throughout the year, and hope that next year they will help Bradgate to achieve even more success.

B.R.

### GARENDON

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report on a very successful year for the House. The achievement of winning the Festival by a record margin of sixty points was the result of much hard work on the part of most, but unfortunately not all, of the House members.

The games field was also the scene of much House success and I am sure we should all like to congratulate Valerie Yates on setting up a new Middle School 100 yards record on Sports Day. However, with the Tennis Tournament and Swimming Sports yet to come the final positions for the Inter-House Shield are still in the balance. Let us hope that those notorious detentions have not robbed us of too many marks!

May I once more congratulate you all and express my thanks to all House Mistresses and Officials without whose support the House would not function.

G.K.G.

### ULVERSCROFT

At the time of writing, the Swimming Sports are still to take place. I hope the House will show as much enthusiasm for these as they have for the other activities.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed mixed success, particularly as far as the Inter-House Festival is concerned. Individual written entries were again tried out and we had considerable success with these. Lorna Wilson must be particularly commended



for her Middle School entries. Unfortunately we were not so fortunate with Festival Day performances although we did tie for first place in the dancing and were placed second in the drama. We ended with a final positioning of second, although 60 points separated us from the victors.

Our winter sports results this year were quite promising, for we won the Senior Hockey Cup and came second in the Junior Hockey. Our performances on the athletics field were very commendable. Congratulations go to Janis Finney on winning the Senior High Jump Cup and to Judith Evans for winning the 440 yards, and to the House as a whole for their splendid efforts with the standards all of which contributed to our final placing of first. Our summer sports had mixed success—we won the Tennis Sports but fell down considerably at Rounders.

Because of the short length of this term it seems that House officials will be unable to calculate final totals and placings for the House Shield before the end of term. However, let us hope it is a treat in store for us next term!

I should like to extend my thanks to all House officials, Mistresses and members for their enthusiasm and co-operation throughout my enjoyable term of office. My best wishes to my successor and I wish the House every success in the future.

J.M.

#### DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS

- October 8th: A visitor from the French Embassy spoke to the Sixth Form and visitors from Longslade School on Corneille, and to members of the Third Years on family life in France.
- October 20th: The Reverend R. F. Bowers spoke in Assembly about the Church Missionary Society.
- October 22nd : VIth Form Careers Convention.
- October 26th: The Head Girl went to the Albert Hall to present our purse for the Children's Union to Princess Alexander.
- December 3rd : A party went to see the Tyrolean Dancers.
- December 15th : Junior Carol Service.
- December 16th : Senior Carol Service.
- January 21st : Group of VI Formers went to the Humphrey Perkins School to hear a talk on University life by Mr. Hatherway of Birmingham University.
- January 27th: First years and IIIA to the "Sunday Mirror" Exhibition of Children's Art at the Art Gallery, Leicester.
- February 4th : David Freeston, the Deputy Organiser of the Education Department of "Oxfam," spoke of the work of "Oxfam" to the Sixth and Fifth Forms.

February 9th : Community Service Concert Party.

February 13th : Entertainment of Quorn Old People's Fellowship.

March 2nd: Commonwealth Conference at Loughborough.

March 6th: Wales versus England Hockey Match at Edgbaston.

April 2nd: School Concert.

April 7th: Mrs. Johnson, Miss Harris and Miss Sheldrake, plus 31 Fifth- and Fourth-formers, went to Paris.

April 7th: Mrs. Bell took a party to the National Gallery and the Design Centre.

April 30th: School photograph.

May 3rd: IVth year parents' evening.

May 7th: Miss Sheldrake and Lower VI to County Treasurer's Department to see electronic computer.

May 10th: Film for Juniors connected with Christian Aid Week.

June 3rd: Some of the VI Form with Miss Wright visited Bedford College of Physical Education.

#### THE BOOKWORM

I've seen the seven wonders of the world  
 In all their pomp and majestic glory;  
 The beauty of a waterfall, flashes  
 Of silver salmon leaping above it  
 In the swift ascent from the dark blue deep.  
 The peaks of Mont Blanc, sparkling white, golden  
 In the weak rays of the mid-May sunlight,  
 Tower above valleys and deep hollows  
 Devoured by nature out of the earth.  
 I've seen them all through black and white pages,  
 Preserved, hidden, in the leaves of a book.

I've lived in history with peasants and kings,  
 In the gay court of King Louis of France;  
 But among the dancing, feasting and song  
 A restless wave rose that was soon to drown  
 The pleasures of the monarchy.  
 Again, I saw the disappointed mob  
 In the Revolution of July,  
 When one smiling monarch, soon to frown,  
 Replaced another on the hated throne  
 That once marked power and tyranny.



And once, in England, fiery red  
 Like one great furnace, breathing fire  
 That laughed at water-bucket chains  
 And danced above them in the wind,  
 Frightened people, pushing, jostling, rushing  
 Shouting "To the River!" while the ogre  
 Thundered onwards to satisfy his appetite.  
 Through these old volumes, yellow with age,  
 I can travel in any realm of time,  
 In any land, planet, sky or sea.  
 A book reveals the magic wonder  
 Of Nature; and through the open pages  
 The miracles of science fall at my feet.

S.B., C.B., Form VA.

### IN AN ART GALLERY

It is stepping back into a dream  
 Or through the realms of time,  
 When hunters in the forest scene  
 Cross the oil-painted screen  
 Of canvas, woven fine.  
 Finest art! With skill and care  
 By human hands a face portrayed  
 Of Charles the First, in his distress,  
 Tired of fighting, seeking rest,  
 In battle plumes arrayed.

A castle looms upon a hill,  
 A handsome knight rides by,  
 Portrayed in armour of silver hue  
 From silver mask to silver shoe,  
 Against the purple sky.

A warrior's face, with fiery eyes  
 And temper easy to provoke,  
 Shows that the artist understood  
 Such desperate moods of fire and blood,  
 Captured in one bold, sure stroke.

Preserved in richly-coloured hues  
 That Old Man Time cannot decay,  
 Are hung, inside this eerie hall  
 A thousand faces on the wall  
 Watching ages pass away.

S. Brown, Form VA.

### THE FIRE

Quickly leaping,  
 Jumping, darting,  
 Backwards, forward,  
 To and fro,  
 On the heath  
 There flares a fire,  
 Jumping higher,  
 Lying low.

Such confusion!  
 People running,  
 Lighted faces,  
 Orange glow,  
 Blazing brightly  
 Mass of burning,  
 Jumping higher,  
 Lying low.

Eating bushes,  
 Trees and grasses,  
 Nothing stops this  
 Evil foe.  
 Water's useless,  
 So are beaters,  
 Jumping higher,  
 Lying low.

Wind is whistling,  
 Flames are roaring.  
 See the haystack,  
 Watch that go!  
 Heat and smoke are  
 Overpowering,  
 Jumping higher,  
 Lying low.

Now the highway  
 Bars its passing,  
 Tongues of flame  
 No longer grow.  
 See its fury,  
 Frantic leaping,  
 As it's dying,  
 Dying low.

Form II.



## TENNIS REPORT 1965

This season the 1st VI have met with mixed success having won two matches and narrowly lost two matches. The team is much the same as last season and on the whole the players have become more consistent, using harder and more accurate shots. However, speed and experience are still lacking.

The 2nd VI have won one match and lost the other. At the moment most of them tend to play with little conviction and much more practice and determination is needed.

Last season 1964, full colours were awarded to Sheila Downs and half-colours to Diana Coxall, Gillian Welch and Gillian Gamble. This season half-colours were awarded to Sylvia Watson and Barbara Richardson. Barbara is to be congratulated on winning the Individual Tennis Cup this year, and Ulverscroft on winning the inter-House Cup.

We would all like to thank Miss Wright for all the time and help she has given us throughout the term.

G.K.G., G.W.

## 1964-5 SWIMMING SPORTS

This year we were very fortunate as we were allowed to hold our sports at the College Swimming Pool. The standard of swimming was high and the competition close, until the relays which were won by Ulverscroft, and this gave them the match. Junior and middle School performances were much improved and B. Collinson gave excellent performances in the two-lengths breast-stroke and senior dives. Records were broken in:—

1st Year Breast-stroke by J. Royston.  
2nd Year Breast-stroke by J. Collinson.  
3rd Year Breast-stroke by K. Jackson.  
Junior Object Recovery by L. Morris.  
5th and 6th Year Freestyle by M. Brearley.  
Senior Relay by Ulverscroft.

The final result was Ulverscroft 106 points, Garendon 90 points, Bradgate 54 points, Beaumanor 40 points, and the individual cup has been awarded jointly to L. Morris and M. Brearley.

This year, too, we have to record that seven girls gained Bronze Medallions for life-saving. These were C. Scard, M. Brearley, S. Rutter, J. Evans, J. Finney, G. Waite and S. Downs. It is hoped that in future more girls will work for these awards.

## NETBALL REPORT 1964-5

This season the first and under 15 teams have lost several matches. However, the results of the Leicestershire Tournaments were more encouraging. In November, the first team was placed first in their section and only lost to Wyggeston after extra time in the semi-final. In March, they were placed second in their section. In the November tournament, the under 15 team was unplaced, but in March, they came first in their section and lost to Loughborough Convent in the semi-final.

We have rarely fielded a complete first team this season, so that the results can be considered fairly good, but, with practice, could be much better next year. Consistent practice has improved the play of the under 15 team and some members show considerable promise. We hope their enthusiasm will be maintained next year.

Our thanks to Miss Wright for all the help she has given us.

S.H.W.

	P	W	L	D	F	A
1st .....	9	3	6	0	157	176
2nd .....	2	1	1	0	36	35
Under 15 .....	9	5	4	0	123	102
Under 14 .....	5	1	4	0	23	88

## HOCKEY REPORT 1964-5

This season the hockey teams did not meet with as much success as usual. The first XI managed to secure a reasonable goal average though they perhaps suffered, especially in the first term, from the continual absence of many regular team members. The second XI is to be congratulated on being the most successful of our teams, having lost only one match. We hope many of the second XI will carry over their enthusiasm into next season so that the School will have a good first XI.

The junior teams did not enjoy as much success as they should have done, but they must not be discouraged. Many of them have the makings of very good hockey players and we trust they will practise hard to develop their abilities.

This season, full colours were awarded to Gilian Waite and half-colours to Shirley Lynam, Jane Luker and Kay Holyland. Sheila Downs must be congratulated on obtaining a place in the Leicestershire Junior Second XI.

We are sure everyone who has played in the teams this season would like us to thank Miss Wright for her untiring encouragement.



Her coaching and support during school hours as well as on Saturday mornings is very much appreciated by us all, particularly in a season when she was the only full-time Games mistress on the staff.

G.K.G., G.W.

	P	W	L	D	F	A
1st .....	11	4	5	2	21	20
2nd .....	5	4	1	0	15	1
Under 15 .....	8	3	5	0	16	18
Under 14 .....	5	0	5	0	2	24

### ATHLETICS REPORT 1964-5

Since October, we have been very fortunate in having Mr. Stubbings from Loughborough College School as our athletics coach. Originally, fifteen girls were selected to attend this coaching session on Thursdays after School and were joined after Christmas by several first years.

At first, the training consisted of strengthening exercises in the gym, but, later, training began for special events.

Some of the more enthusiastic among us joined the Athletics Club of Leicester Colleges of Art and Technology and trained there on Sunday mornings.

S.W.

Results of Area and County Sports:—

#### AREA SPORTS

Under 17, 880 yards: Christine Hill, 3rd.  
Under 17, 100 yards: Valerie Wright, 3rd.

#### COUNTY SPORTS

Under 17, 880 yards: Christine Hill, 5th.  
Under 17, 100 yards: Valerie Wright, 3rd in heat.  
Under 20, Long jump: Helen Freer, 4th.  
Under 20, High jump: Jean Moreton, 4th.  
Under 20, Discus: Sylvia Watson, 2nd.

#### A.A.A. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Long jump: Helen Freer, 3rd.  
Discus: Sylvia Watson, 3rd.

### SPEECH DAYS

#### Senior

Senior Speech Day was held on November 18th. We welcomed Miss A. E. G. Sephton, M.A., Principal of Derby Diocesan Training College. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. H. O. Pell, J.P., presided.

Miss Sawdon began her annual report by saying that 1963-4 seemed to have been a year in which "we continued our precarious hold on life as that dying institution, a small girls' grammar school in a country village," but, she continued, a school "where quite a lot goes on."

She emphasised this point by reviewing the varied activities of the year, a year in which the musicians of the School excelled themselves in the County and City Music Festivals and in their performance of the first two parts of Bach's Oratorio; a year of good results in games, athletics and swimming; above all, a year in which School societies flourished and grew in number, giving the senior girls a chance of gaining very valuable experience in organisation and public speaking.

Miss Sawdon commended the good results in "A" and "O" Levels and expressed her pleasure at the number of girls staying on into the Sixth Form, pointing out that the present Sixth Form of over eighty pupils was the largest we had ever had.

She thanked the parents for their generous support to the School Garden Party, to the School Welfare Fund and to our venture into introducing a new School hat.

Miss Sawdon went on to talk of the "great fund of sympathy and a great willingness to help amongst young people, and a great sensitivity, too — a feeling for beauty if they get the chance to express it." She continued: "These young people have a desire to serve the community, but I often wonder how far the community is serving them. Their response to what is good when they get a chance to see or hear it, is so fine, that it is tragic that here, in this part of the Midlands their opportunities are so rare." She pointed out that when Loughborough College of Advanced Technology became a Technological University, Loughborough would be a University town with a very large population of young people and wondered what the town was prepared to offer "to satisfy this desire to respond to the beautiful and the good that so many young people have." She concluded: "There is nothing wrong with young people; there is a great deal wrong with an environment which starves their best instincts and encourages for commercial reasons their worst."



The Senior Choir, who had opened the proceedings with two songs, by Orlando Lasso and by Handel, now sang the "Huntsmen's Chorus" from the "Freischütz" by Weber, and was joined by the School in a rendering of Bach's "Author of the whole Creation." Before presenting the prizes, Miss Sephton complimented the girls on their singing and urged all present to develop any talent they had to its utmost limit.

### Prizewinners

Charles Roberts Memorial Prize for particularly distinguished work: Elizabeth Wakefield (Entry to Durham University, with Advanced Level in English, History, French, German and General Studies).

G.C.E. at Advanced Level (four subjects): Dinah Bray.

G.C.E. at Advanced Level (three subjects): Hazel Jones, Valerie Palfreyman, Wendy Radford, Nicole Shaw, Jill Simons, Jennifer Taylor.

G.C.E. at Advanced Level (two subjects): Jane Bower, Patricia Bundock, Diana Coxall, Susan Darlaston, Joy Goodman, Pauline Henley, Janet Iliffe, Patricia Jex, Susan Lovett, Josephine Michalska, Carol Seal, Charlene Sharp, Margaret Stanford, Susan Warren.

G.C.E. at Ordinary Level (fifth year): Rosalind Higgs, Wendy Cramp, Janet Matts, Christine Barrett, Patricia Mackey, Ann Bunker, Bridget Cook, Jean Pringle, Susan Cross, Angela Grewcock.

Form IV: Stephanie Wright, Bridget Banks, Ruth Mellor.

### Form Prizes

Lower VI: Mary Bream, Nuala Doherty, Sally Ward.

IVa: 1, Claire Broughton; 2, Shirley Brown; 3, Patricia Wheldon.

IV Alpha: 1, Kay Lockwood; 2, Barbara Dewhirst; 3, Gaynor Gunby.

III: 1, Susan Hancock; 2, Charlotte Waldron; 3, Susan Clarridge.

IIIa: 1, Kathleen Todd; 2, Carey Goodman; 3, Kay Kirby.

Mention (runners-up in Form Prizes): Linda Rust, Susan Northcott, Kay Holyland, Judith Field, Lorna Wilson.

### Special Prizes

Service to the School (presented by the Chairman of Governors): Pamela Richardson, Hazel Jones.

Senior Reading Prize: Hazel Jones.

Steady Work and Progress: Caroline Oram, Margaret Pearson, Mary Thompson.

Outstanding Contribution to Physical Education: Helen Freer.

Quorn Prize (presented by A. M. Smith, Esq.): Barbara Richardson.

### Subject Prizes

English: Jennifer Taylor, Ann Bunker, Patricia Neville, Pauline Leader.

History: Jill Simons, Susan Warren.

Geography: Margaret Stanford.

French and Latin: Hazel Jones.

German: Elizabeth Wakefield.

Scripture: Gillian Gamble, Wendy Manning.

Mathematics (presented by Mrs. L. P. Priestley): Wendy Radford; (presented by Miss E. Mounteney): Stephanie Wright; (presented by V. Gamble, Esq.): Charlotte Waldron, Kathleen Todd.

Science: Dinah Bray, Mary Bream, Rosalind Higgs.

Music: Mary Barry, Eileen Noon.

Art: Susan Smith.

Housecraft (presented by Miss D. Bryan): Pauline Henley, Susan Warren.

General Studies: Dinah Bray, Elizabeth Wakefield.

### General Certificate of Education (Northern Universities) 1964

At Advanced Level: Janice Barratt, Mary Barry, Susan Beaumont, Jane Bower, Dinah Bray, Patricia Bundock, Diana Coxall, Susan Darlaston, Pamela Foulds, Joy Goodman, Pauline Henley, Janet Iliffe, Patricia Jex, Hazel Jones, Susan Lovett, Josephine Michalska, Valerie Palfreyman, Wendy Radford, Carol Seal, Charlene Sharp, Nicole Shaw, Jill Simons, Margaret Stanford, Jennifer Taylor, Elizabeth Wakefield, Susan Warren, Mary Willett.

### At Ordinary Level:

Lower Sixth (additional subjects): Virginia Barclay, Mary Bream, Josephine Burgess, Mary Cassidy, Susan Clarke, Gillian Gamble, Jennifer Hallam, Susan Hudson, Wendy Manning, Kathleen Miller, Jean Moreton, Eileen Noon, Mary Nourish, Christine Parker, Alice Patterson, Barbara Richardson, Carol Scard, Patricia Soars, Christine Suffolk, Christine Vann, Anne Waldron, Sally Ward, Sylvia Watson, Gillian Welch, Wendy Wood-Antill.



Form V: Elaine Badger, Christine Barrett, Christine Bell, Janet Braithwaite, Ann Bunker, Rowena Carter, Patricia Chell, Bridget Cook, Wendy Cramp, Sheila Downs, Helen Freer, Elizabeth Friis, Susan Goodman, Angela Grewcock, Christine Hart, Frances Hawkins, Pamela Haynes, Eleanor Heath, Gillian Hughes, Barbara Iliffe, Maria Kingsbury, Juliet Male, Janet Matts, Judith Pitts, Karen Potter, Jean Pringle, Suzanne Ruck, Sherin Rutter, Janet Scragg, Delese Slater, Susan Stott, Corinne Swann, Patricia Tunnicliff, Gilian Waite, Diane Warnes.

Form Va: Margaret Allen, Susan Belshaw, Janet Blencowe, Susan Boon, Pauline Brydon, Pamela Caunt, Linda Dickson, Linda Ecker, Lesley Freeman, Susan Gale, Christine Green, Susan Gregson, Vivien Hill, Marion Jones, Gillian Lovett, Patricia Mackay, Margaret McLeod, Susan Moody, Norma Morpeth, Elspeth Neville, Caroline Oram, Gillian Partridge, Sheila Priest, Jeannette Racine, Patricia Swann, Angela Swift, Judith Taylor, Hilary Thompson, Jacqueline Walker, Rita Wallace, Jean Watson, Patricia Wilson.

Form V Alpha: Janet Allen, Margaret Brearley, Gillian Brown, Linda Cluley, Susan Cross, Rita Dare, Judith Evans, Rosalind Higgs, Eileen Hodgkiss, Rosemary Illsley, Serena Ivers, Denise Law, Linda Lowe, Brenda Marshall, Helen McCaig, Jane McClung, Angela Miller, Kathleen Morgan, Patricia Neville, Sheila Overton, Margaret Pearson, Patricia Pearson, Susan Pratt, Vivienne Raynor, Anne Russell, Marilyn Saul, Susan Scotney, Cynthia Spurle, Lynda Stringfellow, Mary Thompson, Joan Underwood.

Form IV: Bridget Banks, Denise Berridge, Ann Beverley, Janet Foulds, Jean Knowles, Pauline Leader, Ruth Mellor, Lynda Neale, Jane Peck, Avril Schepens, Gwyneth Shelton, Marlene Staniforth, Stephanie Wright.

Inter-House Shield: Ulverscroft.

Inter-House Swimming Cup: Garendon.

Individual Swimming Cup: Margaret Brearley.

Inter-House Tennis Cup: Ulverscroft.

Individual Tennis Cup: Diana Coxall.

Inter-House Hockey Cup: Ulverscroft.

Girl Guide Cup: Janet Matts, Susan Stott.

### Junior

Junior Speech Day was held on June 4th, when the principal guests were Mr. T. S. Fielding, J.P., and Mrs. Fielding. The Chairman of the Governors guided the proceedings.

In her address, Miss Sawdon stressed the fact that we "try to give the Junior School an independent life of its own and to arrange many separate activities for them" so that the younger pupils are not swamped by the older ones. "But" she pointed out, "they do join in the life of the whole School; some of the most talented musicians are still very young but they make a valuable contribution to the School Orchestra and, of course, the Inter-House Festival mixes young and old together in an excellent way."

Miss Sawdon emphasised how important it is in these early years to develop the ability "to write accurately to read fluently and to enjoy reading, to memorise thoroughly what has to be known," and she urged parents to try and find time to look over their children's homework, to help test learning work and to see that television does not take the place of books. She sympathised with parents whose daughters were at the awkward stage but stressed the need to be firm, and not to let them have too much of their own way as the easiest means of avoiding trouble.

She referred to the future of Rawlins when it becomes a Senior High School under the Leicestershire plan, a time when the present Juniors would be members of that School. She hoped that the girls would strive to "keep all that was best in Rawlins and graft on to it all the advantages of co-education." The girls' personal preparation for the changeover was "to be well on top of their work" and to grow up "into sensible, responsible young people whose conduct will help to set the model for the School."

Mr. Fielding then addressed the pupils, many of whose families he had known through his long connection with Shelthorpe School. He congratulated the prizewinners and went on to point out that success did not always come easily to everyone and had to be earned, and that school life can be a good preparation for coping with the difficulties one encounters in the outside world.

After the presentation of the prizes by Mrs. Fielding, the Junior Choir concluded this part of the programme with a song by Schubert. Then followed a programme of music by the Recorder Group and of traditional English dances in which all forms took part.

### Prizewinners

Form Prizes awarded to last year's First and Second Year girls:

Form II: 1, Lesley Robinson; 2, Julie Shoulder; 3, Marion Turner.

Form IIA: 1, Frances Pegg; 2, Beryl Beaumont; 3, Mary Cockrell.

Form I: 1, Susan Underwood; 2, Elizabeth Pitts; 3, Madeline Chamberlain.



Form IA: 1, Mary Bunker; 2, Patricia Cole; 3, Christine Orton.  
 Progress Prizes (1964-65): Jane Hunt, Pamela Jelly, Marylyn Spurr,  
 Jane Philpott, Julia Woolley.  
 Prizes for the best kept set of exercise books (1964-65):  
 Third Year: Gaye Lee.  
 Second Year: Judith Collinson.  
 First Year: Angela Ardron, Christine Leman-Lawrie.  
 Mathematics Prizes (presented by Miss E. Mounteney): Miriam  
 Bennett, Joy Hollins, Barbara Wilmot, Patricia Dwyer.  
 Mary Lawrence Cup for Physical Education: Linda Morris.

### MUSIC NOTES

The School musical year began well, with great success at the Leicester Festival, when both choirs and the orchestra gained first place in their respective classes.

The Senior Choir sang a selection of songs at Speech Day which were well received.

Owing to the success of the previous performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, a second rendering was requested, an occasion for which Wendy Radford's assistance was invaluable. The vicar of Emmanuel Church, Loughborough, agreed to our performing there during the week before Christmas. Both choirs and orchestra, under the supervision of Mr. J. C. F. Berger, performed to an appreciative congregation.

The customary carol services were also held.

One Saturday afternoon during the Spring term, a group of the school's musicians and other pupils, entertained the Quorn Old People's Fellowship with a variety of songs, sketches and solos. Similarly, a section of the orchestra and members of the Senior Choir provided entertainment at a Social Evening in Quorn Church Rooms, which was much enjoyed by the small audience.

The School Festival was extremely successful this year, and was followed by the traditional school concert incorporating the most outstanding items. A delightful, though unusual, bass solo was given by Jean Moreton, and Garendon Spiritual Group provided a suitable conclusion to an evening of variety.

Twelve members of our orchestra, including the conductor, travelled with the County Orchestra to their Easter course at Corsham in Wiltshire. This was a course with a difference, however, for Corsham is the home of one of England's foremost composer-conductors, Michael Tippett. He came to rehearse the Leicester-shire Music Festival programme with us every morning and evening and even some afternoons, proving his natural enthusiasm for hard

work. We all appreciated the great privilege of working with this gifted conductor. The "Tempo" television team added spice to this most enjoyable week, filming their programme "Overture for Beginners."

The Festival week itself began with an inaugural service in Leicester Cathedral, when Mr. Tippett read the well-known lesson: I Corinthians 13. The first concert at the de Montfort Hall was an exhilarating performance of modern works and was a great experience for all concerned, but the Friday performance was an even greater success in view of the difficult works performed. Our entire Senior Choir took part in a rendering of Mr. Tippett's "A Child of our Time," and we think that all concerned performed admirably and did not regret their weeks of toil and sweat. The television programme concluded this momentous week and Mr. Tippett accepted the invitation to become our "figurehead."

To conclude, we should like to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Loughborough Road, Quorn, for the gift of several hundred gramophone records.

A.S., P.E.

### B.B.C. INVITATION CONCERT—DE MONTFORT HALL

No fewer than 53 pupils and Staff of our School were allowed to help form an audience on 23rd June when the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Hugo Rignold, gave us some spirited performances of works by Elgar, Tippett and Dvorak. We were fortunate indeed since only 400 tickets were available for distribution to the schools of the whole county.

The well-known "New World" Symphony formed an exhilarating climax and conclusion to this memorable concert.

### EXHIBITION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The end of the Summer Term featured a unique venture in an exhibition of conventional, obsolete, unusual and foreign instruments of all kinds. Many pupils, parents and friends had contributed, and some initial reservations and anxiety as to the success of this idea were soon dispersed when, at the opening of this display, the music room was packed with over 70 instruments of great variety.

Though the exhibition was only open for three days, it is estimated that, besides 80-90 adults, some 130 children with their teachers from surrounding schools saw and enjoyed it.

Main attractions were a 150-year-old Chinese Temple gong, kindly lent by Mr. Neale, a French musical-box, playing six different tunes, a Glockenspiel, two Seraphins, a home-made one-string fiddle and a Violin 230 years old, which produced a tone of rare sonority.

It is impossible to list all the instruments with their generous lenders but it can be said that every exhibit was eagerly scrutinised with an enthusiastic appreciation.

G.B.



## SECOND QUORN GUIDES

It has taken several months for Mary Bream and me to get used to taking the Guide meetings, but we are gradually overcoming our difficulties by attending monthly Cadet meetings and regular Guide training courses.

At the beginning of the school year, we welcomed nine new recruits which brought our numbers up to twenty-four.

The following badges have been gained: Child Nurse, 11; Cook, 9; Needlewomen, 5; Camper, 1; Toymaker, 1. This may not seem many, but we feel that it represents a good effort since the majority of the Guides are first and second year girls.

Last Summer, we had a very enjoyable camp at Himbleton in Worcestershire; an ideal site even though the sheep were rather too neighbourly!

On November 8th, we took part in the Remembrance Day Service held in Quorn and, after the main service in the Parish Church, in the combined short service for the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

On November 16th, we held our first big ceremony when Janet Matts was invested with the Queen's Guide Badge. Janet had left Quorn the previous term, but, as she had done all the work for the badge in Leicestershire, returned for Mrs. Towle, the County Commissioner, to present her with the badge.

Later in the month, we combined with First Quorn Guides and Brownies for a visit to Loughborough to see a new film on guiding.

On March 27th, the County Bazaar was held at the Edward Wood Hall and was opened by the Duchess of Rutland. Our guides contributed towards this by helping with the sweet stall and selling pens and pencils.

The main event of the year took place on May 29th, with the official opening of the County Camp site "Topstones" by Miss Anstice Gibbs, the Chief Commissioner for the Commonwealth. Two of our Guides, Daphne Eggleton and Kay Lockwood, camped for the weekend with the Loughborough Division, while Mary and I stayed at the Senior Branch Camp.

In May also, we helped at the District Spring Fair at Quorn.

We are very grateful to Miss Morris who has kindly offered to take the Company to camp again this year, as well as a few Guides from the First Quorn Company. It will be a seven-day camp at the Staffordshire County Camp site near Rugeley.

Our thanks go also to Ann Bunker for officiating in the treasury department throughout the year.

G.W.

## S.C.M.

The S.C.M.'s programme has been full and varied. During the Autumn term, at our first after-school meeting, we were challenged and thoroughly absorbed by the Reverend S. James's talk on the Leicester branch of the Telephone Samaritans. Our efforts to invite the Reverend H. Fisher to speak to us on "Prayer" were constantly thwarted, but this eventually proved a most helpful talk. We are grateful to Commander H. Stileman who came to show us "Treasures of the Snow" and "God and Creation." We find these Fact and Faith films particularly fascinating, and apart from the occasional small donation that the S.C.M. is able to make, all these films are shown free of charge.

The Spring term's programme began with a showing of "City of the Bees." Later in the term, Mrs. A. Harrison, a Leicestershire vicar's wife, spoke to us on the pleasures and hazards of her position. The most notable experience of our Easter term, was the short conference held at Launde Abbey during Holy Week, led by the Reverend Simon Beesley. Our study themes were: God and Man, Man and his fellowmen, Man and himself, Man and death. Mr. Beesley made us work extremely hard, but the conference can be described as nothing less than inspiring. We do hope that if we organise similar conferences in the future, more members will feel able to take part in them.

We managed to fit in two meetings before the onset of the public examinations. We saw "First things first," a film based on the Beatitudes. The Reverend R. V. de Carle Thompson, O.B.E., talked to us about the work of the Mission to Lepers, and then showed us an excellent colour film, "Good Tidings" on the work of a leprosy medical mission, in which all the actors were leper patients. We hope to conclude the year's meetings with a cycle excursion into Derbyshire.

S. Clarke, Secretary.

## THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: Josephine Burgess. Secretary: Kathleen Miller.

Treasurer: Angela Lindsay.

This Society has increased its membership this year and is continuing its policy of encouraging members themselves to give a talk on subjects of their own choosing.

This year's meetings have included a talk on Austria illustrated by coloured slides by Josephine Burgess, a talk and film on the Caribbean by Kathleen Miller and a film on the economic background of Sweden. We were fortunate to have a visiting student, Miss Nichols, who showed us slides of a visit to Scandinavia.

K.B.M.



On May 1st, a group of Fifthformers went on a very enjoyable geographical excursion to Lincoln. We stopped at Girton to have our lunch, sitting on the levées of the River Trent. Before reaching there, we had stopped at intervals to observe the meanders of the River Soar, the wide flood plains of the Trent and the various changes of soil and agriculture. At Girton, we saw the sluice gates of the Trent, the barges that travel on it and men at work excavating building materials.

On arriving at Lincoln, we visited the Cathedral and later the partially restored Lincoln Castle. We returned home along the Lincoln Edge after a most informative and worthwhile excursion.

E.H., J.L.

### THE OVERSEAS SOCIETY

President: Patricia Burdock. Secretary: Josephine Michalska.  
Treasurer: Carol Seal.

The Society has again enjoyed a full and varied programme.

In the Autumn, we were visited by a former District Officer in Malaysia, who explained to us some of the problems of the newly-formed republic. For our lunch-hour meeting, we arranged a programme of foreign folk-music which proved to be very popular as a change from a lecture.

In the Spring, an ex-pupil of the School, Barbara Welch, who, since graduating, has been doing voluntary service overseas in Uganda, came to speak to us about her work and about the people of that country. She also showed us a very colourful film of the school where she had been teaching.

In March, we welcomed Mr. Emmanuel Etuge, a student from the West Cameroon, now studying at Loughborough College. He spoke about his homeland and his talk was interesting and enlightening.

J.M.

### BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: Gillian Gamble. Secretary: Helen Freer.  
Treasurer: Valerie Palfreyman.

This year the number of meetings has been curtailed by the Festival and examinations and we have been unable to embark upon a detailed programme.

The Autumn term meetings were devoted to Zoology. We had an interesting film called "The Living Soil" and a talk given by Mr. Gardener on the habits of bees. In the Spring term, meetings included the showing of a film "Red Sky at Night" dealing with sheep-farming in the Highlands of Scotland and a lecture by Dr. Murphy on beneficial and harmful insects.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: Virginia Barclay. Vice-Chairman: Susan Smith.  
Secretary: Patricia Mackey. Treasurer: Juliet Male.

During the year 1964-65, the society has held a variety of lively topical debates, as well as those of a more serious nature. Amongst the amusing topics were "This House dislikes turkey" and "This House recommends 'Persil'." This last topic was discussed with much enthusiasm by our fourth year members.

The highlight of our year was the inter-Schools' Debate. We invited four local grammar schools to join us to discuss the motion "This House contends that the General Election is merely an old English custom." The standard of debating was very high and we feel that our members learned a lot from these more experienced debaters.

Some of our members attended the "Leicester Mercury inter-Schools' Debate" finals, and we hope that we shall be able to enter for this competition next year.

V.B., P.M.

### SALUT LES COPINES

President: Barbara Richardson. Secretary: Mary Willett.  
Treasurer: Gillian Welch.

This year the society has enjoyed a lively and varied programme.

The members decided that one of the most important aims of the society was to encourage an interest in the French language and in French civilisation. With this in mind, the committee and other Sixth form members arranged a display in the Library of French art books, cookery books, atlases, postcards and pictures of regional life. A general knowledge quiz was organised for the Juniors and prizes were won by Linda Morris, 3A; and Ruth Kirk, Form I.

Among the meetings held during the dinner hour were a programme of French records arranged by Marion Jones and Juliet Male and a very interesting and instructive talk on Alsace given by Mrs. Johnson and illustrated by coloured slides. Another highlight in our programme was a film on winter sports in the French Alps with a commentary in French, much to the dismay of our younger members!

Two out of school trips were made during the Autumn term: one to Guthlaxton School, Wigston, to see the film of Beaumarchais's play "Le Mariage de Figaro" performed by "La Comédie Française," and the other to Wyggeston Boys' School for a performance of Corneille's "Le Cid" by the Pamela Stirling Players, which proved most enjoyable and helpful to those studying the play.

M.W.



## THE MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: Patricia Bundock. Secretary: Josephine Burgess.  
Treasurer: Christine Suffolk.

This society was founded this year by a few keen mathematicians led by Miss Trown.

Our first visit was to the annual Mathematical Quiz when a county team competed against a Leicester team. This was enjoyed by all except, perhaps, Pat Bundock, who was a member of the county team.

During the year, we have had the privilege of being addressed by Doctor Skemp (familiar to the juniors through their Mathematics and Psychology project) and Doctor Segedin, a mathematician from Auckland, New Zealand.

At the end of the Autumn term, we held an informal meeting when four former pupils came to talk about their work with mathematics. Ann Heaps spoke about Mathematics and Education, Jane Suffolk on Mathematics and Statistics, Wendy Radford on Mathematics and Psychology and Pauline Burge about her work with the computer at Leicester University.

At our final meeting we held a discussion on various mathematical topics.

A.J.B.

## MATHEMATICAL QUIZ

- What is the smallest number which when divided by 3 leaves a remainder of 1, and when divided by 5 and 7 will leave 3 and 5 respectively?
- In his will a man left the following statement:  
"Of my 17 camels one-half is to go to my eldest son, one-third to my second son and one-ninth to my daughter." The problem was solved by an eminent mathematician. How?
- From a chess board two opposite corner squares are cut-off. If you are supplied with dominoes which each cover two squares, can you tile the board completely?

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} & S & E & N & D \\ & M & O & R & E \\ + & & & & \\ \hline M & O & N & E & Y \end{array}$$

Find out what figure each letter represents.

- Take 45 from 45 and leave 45.
- What is  $RED + ORANGE = PURPLE$ .

- In each empty square place the numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 so that each column and diagonal adds up to 34.

1			4
	6	7	
8			5
	3	2	

8.

1	2		3	4	
	5				
6					7
				8	
9	10		11		
12					

### Clues Across

- $3x + 7 - 3y = 19$ . Find  $x + 2y$ .  
 $2x + y - 2 = 15$ .
- The rate of interest on a loan is increased from 3% to  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ . The annual interest is raised by £1 7s. 6d. How much is the loan?
- Number of square yards in an acre.
- A boy receives 18 marks out of 60. What is his percentage?
- Solve  $x + 31 + 7 - 8 - x + 2x = 82$ .
- Considered unlucky by some.
- $780 + 340 + 60 + 120 + 2000$ .

### Clues Down

- £1 8s. 4d. in pence.
- $CMLXXX \div IV$ .
- $XXVIII + XII + XIV - III - I + XX$ .
- 6,404 as a percentage of 18,760 correct to 2 decimal places.
- Twice 12 across.
- Half the total external surface area of a cylinder, closed at one end and open at the other, with external dimensions: radius 3 inches; height 2 inches.
- Solve  $3x - 10 - x = 30 - 2x$ .



# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES' ACCOUNT

## RECEIPTS

	Cash	Bank
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand at April, 1964	7 7 4	93 7 7
April 20 Lost Property	19 0	
July 17 School Activity collection		42 10 0
Dec. 8 School Activity collection		40 10 0
" 17 Lost Property	4 10	
1965		
Mar. 24 School Activity collection		40 0 0
June 15 School Activity collection		40 2 0

## EXPENDITURE

	Cash	Bank
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1964		
June 25 Food for cat		
July 6 Flowers for Mrs. Whittam	2 0	
Jul./Aug. Food for cat		1 0 0
(Holidays)	1 6 1	
Sept. 17 Echo Press (cost of magazines)		
Nov. 11 Poppy wreath		56 12 0
" 19 Debating Society (help with refreshments)		2 2 6
Dec. 10 Ulverscroft House	10 6	
" 17 Bradgate House	10 0	
Beaumanor House	1 0 0	
Garendon House	1 0 0	
1965		
Jan. 12 United Film Service (Film shown to School)		10 10 0
Apr. 29 Food for cat	15 6	
(Holidays)		
May 31 Sports prizes	1 6 11	
June 4 Parents' Meeting (refreshments)		7 18 11
BALANCES	1 0 2	178 6 2
	£8 11 2	£256 9 7

Readers should note that from the balance of this account the cost of printing this magazine must be paid. The total collection for a typical year of three terms is just over £120, and typical expenditure for three terms is just over £85. If readers will consult my foreword to this magazine, they will see why I feel that it is desirable to keep a healthy balance.

## DISILLUSIONED

Too long he'd been "just Father,"  
The hen-pecked little man,  
Who paid the grocer's bill each week  
And bought new clothes for Ann.  
Too long he'd had no penny  
Which he his own could call,  
And roused by ire, he said "I'll put  
My foot down, once for all."

And now, he wished he hadn't,  
For, blind with feverish hope,  
He put his foot down hard, but in  
The bath, upon the soap!

Lorna Wilson, Form IVA.

## THE DEATH OF MY PET RABBIT

I had a little rabbit,  
A fluffy, tiny ball,  
Who lived in the garage  
With his hutch against the wall.  
I fed him every morning  
And once again at night,  
I went to feed him yesterday  
And had an awful fright.

Instead of playful greeting,  
A silence, deep and still  
Lay round the little rabbit hutch;  
It made me feel quite ill.  
The door I opened slowly  
And looked amongst the straw  
To see the tiny body  
Lying dead upon the floor.

A tear ran slowly down my cheek,  
I gasped, and paused for breath.  
It was the first occasion  
That I had met with death.  
I do not know where rabbits go  
When their life on earth is over,  
I only know I loved him so  
And hope he'll live in clover.

Ruth Farnfield, Form IV.



## IMPRESSIONS OF PARIS

Paris is the picturesque charm of old Montmartre; the lofty majesty of the Eiffel Tower; the unruffled serenity of the Place de la Concorde; the youthful enthusiasm of the Left Bank; the endearing antiquities of Le Marais; the hallowed tranquillity of La Madeleine; the invigorating vibration of the Champs Elysées; the awe-inspiring radiance of Le Sacré Cœur; the Gothic splendour of Notre-Dame; the countless treasures of the Louvre; the imperial magnificence of the Arc de Triomphe.

Paris means Spring, freshness, sunshine, youth, laughter, gaiety, enthusiasm, vitality, life. Paris means the Metro, humidity, oppression, smoke, heat, jostling, collision, participation, life. Paris means beauty, intoxication, artists, colour, imagination, co-ordination, flow, harmony, life. Paris means crowded boulevards, cafés, throb, people, bustle, activity, pulsation, pace, humanity.

Paris means life !

N.D. and B.R.

## A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

All the field was hushed as though waiting for night to come. It came stealthily like a grey cat, slowly stalking across the field. A little wind sprang up and drifted among the grasses, making them whisper and sway, so that suddenly the dead, silent field came to life. A bat streaked overhead, its membranes flashing, squeaking silently. A family of field mice crept among the stems, hunting for grass seeds and avidly pulling at the grasses. A hedgehog lumbered along, snuffling in the hedgerow; his spines dragged the leaves along with him and he left behind him a narrow track of flattened grass and upturned leaves. A forlorn shape, floating like an errant ghost, became an owl as it drifted out of the shadows.

The family of mice darted and hid among the stems of hissing grass. A large mouse, with long whiskers and tail went in front; the smaller ones moved close about her. The indifferent, lonely owl suddenly became active. It fixed its foolish eyes on its victims; its claws twitched experimentally in mid-flight and, for a moment, its hard, hooked beak was silhouetted against the wan moon. The mice scurried for shelter. The owl prepared to kill. It fell like a white stone dropped down a well, but its talons were outstretched and its unsheathed claws glinted. There was a scuffle, a squeal of terror, as the mouse faced its death. The smaller mice scattered and crouched, shivering, in the grass, but the owl held its victim firm. Slowly, the mice crept out again and sniffed at the spot where, a moment before, had sat a quivering, living creature.

A small beetle trundled past them, his black back glistening. A pause! The mice leapt, moved on, leaving the beetle crushed in their wake.

Juliet Male, Lower VI.

## THIS YEAR'S FASHIONS

Heels are thick and toes are round;  
Dresses are costing well over the pound;  
Buckles and bows are added to toes;  
Waistlines are lifted, improving your pose;  
Dresses are shortened, stockings are patterned—  
Looking as though something drastic has happened.  
Jackets of leather, and plastic as well,  
Trousers ending in shape of a bell,  
Tassels and frills, pompoms and beads  
All add up to this year's needs.

Anne Friis, Form II.

## THE EXPERIMENT

After eighteen months' research, I had at last discovered the formula for making people shrink! Whether the liquid would have a permanent effect I should only discover by experimenting on my own person.

I drank a beakerful and sprinkled as much on my clothes as I had drunk and then lay down, fully dressed.

Twelve hours later, I woke from a deep sleep to find myself about twelve inches high. I could barely move the bedclothes, they felt so heavy. Getting off the bed was the next problem and, in the end, I resolved to fall off. I was fully aware that I could not walk downstairs, so I managed to haul a book on to the top stair and, using it as a sledge, slide down on it. When I stood up at the bottom, I felt as though every bone in my body was broken. By now, I was hungry and thirsty, but when I reached the cupboard, I discovered, to my horror, that since I had been up, I had lost another four inches in height.

Just at that moment, my housekeeper walked in and, to my amazement, she snatched me up, saying: "What are you doing out here? Come on! Back to the display cabinet where you belong!" I tried to make her understand, but she was slightly deaf and the volume of my voice was so small that my words did not reach her. She dusted me down and stood me on the shelf next to the doll I had bought in Italy.

Luckily, she left the cabinet door slightly open, and, as I was on the bottom shelf, it was not too hard for me to clamber out on to the floor. I walked back into the kitchen and shinned up a chair leg to get to the cupboard. There I found a round of stale bread and a pot of jam. I heaved myself on to the rim of the pot and put my hand in the jam, since I could not handle a knife because it was too large.



Having eaten my fill, I slid back down the chair leg and lay down on the floor in front of the heater, quite exhausted. I woke up after a short sleep and found, to my overwhelming pleasure, that I was back to normal size again. I had certainly proved the power of my liquid, but what use was it to the world?

Pamela Jelly, Form II.

### CA VAUT LA PEINE!

Doing without and saving for weeks.

Travelling all day, with arms dropping off after carrying two-ton suitcases.

Banging your knees as you climb up on to a French train.

Getting up early. Sampling French food. Aching jaws after eating French bread. Wet noses after drinking breakfast coffee in bowls.

Braving the Métro in rush hour. The smell of garlic in the tube train. Dodging the automatic doors in the Underground.

Scurrying across Parisian streets in hair-raising traffic. Aching feet after walking all day.

Relaxing after dinner in the corner café. Coming home a pauper.

The breath-taking panorama of Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower. Braving the lifts to get there!

Toiling up the hundreds of steps of old Montmartre to the glistening white Sacré Cœur and the Place du Tertre where we watched artists at work. Getting soaked in the rain to see the splendour of Versailles and the charm of Marie Antoinette's hamlet.

Winding our way up the dark spiral stairs to emerge amidst the glorious stained-glass windows of La Sainte Chapelle.

Summoning up our energy to walk up the Champs Elysées late at night from the fountains of Place de la Concorde to the brilliance of the flood-lit Arc de Triomphe.

Oui ça vaut bien la peine!

D. Berridge, A. Beverley, S. Wright, R. Mellor,

T. Knowles, Lower VI.

### OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Aberglaslyn Hall is set back from the winding road which follows the valley of the River Glaslyn. Once it was a millionaire's home, which has now been bought and modernised by Leicestershire Education Committee for the use of young people of the county.

At the beginning of our holiday, we were fitted with climbing kit, and this caused much amusement. Infinite care was taken to ensure that all our gear was comfortable before we were allowed

to set off for our introductory walk. It was to be a short trip around the grounds, but we never reached the boundaries although we walked for three hours! After a time, we realised that the idea was to walk in a relaxed manner with hands on hips. Even so, some of us returned from the walk in dire need of the surgery that was held that evening.

After a short explanation on the use of compasses and Ordnance Survey maps, we were let loose with suitable equipment into the mountains. We followed our list of instructions but, owing to minor mishaps, found ourselves many miles from the Hall.

Another eventful day was spent rock-climbing. The leaders led the climb but, gradually, we became quite skilful at manipulating the ropes, shouting instructions and belaying ourselves to overhanging trees and rocks.

Probably the most exciting days were the two spent at camp higher up in the mountains. We walked seven miles carrying tents, cooking equipment and food, and eventually reached a spot classified as a suitable camping place. Unfortunately, we could not appreciate its advantages when surrounded by heavy mountain mists! We cooked our meals on primus stoves and, much to everyone's surprise, the food was delicious. The tents were successfully pitched and we decided on an early night. It was certainly destined to be an eventful one! One member never managed to get inside her sleeping bag as the inner bag had been put in upside down, so she decided to go for a walk, only to fall over the guy rope. Soon, she was joined by another member who was suffering from claustrophobia. On returning to the tent, they found their companion snug in bed eating the following day's rations. During the journey back to the Hall, luck was with us and we successfully outran a bull who did not appreciate our trespassing on his field.

Though we enjoyed our evenings at the Hall, we decided to visit the neighbouring village of Bedelgert. Little did we realise how great was the distance to the village and arrived back at Aberglaslyn Hall a few minutes' late! The leader accepted our explanation that we were without compass and Ordnance Survey map!

We made many new friends during this holiday, and have since met some of them again to reminisce over our amusing adventures.

M.B., J.E., J.U.

### PONY-TREKKING IN WALES

During the Easter holidays, Mrs. Colegrove took a group of fourth-formers pony-trekking in the Black Mountains. We all enjoyed the three days of riding, visiting a different part of the Black Mountains each day.

From the start, we were all very eager to try our skill at riding and, as a result, rose very early. First, we had to undergo instruction since some among us had never ridden before. After our group



leader had explained a few basic rules, we had a short trek on our ponies before going back to base for lunch. Mealtimes were always hilarious as we battled with our primus stoves in an endeavour to cook a meal. We usually succeeded in the end!

As each day went by, we gradually gained confidence in handling our mounts. Sometimes, the ponies were very obstinate and refused to co-operate, but this was all part of the fun. Fortunately, we had few mishaps. Only one of the group had a fall from her horse.

Perhaps most of all, we enjoyed the gallop across the common on the last day. It was a perfect end to a most enjoyable holiday.

A.D., S.M.

### ANSWERS TO MATHEMATICAL QUIZ

1. 103.
2. He brought one of his own camels, therefore the total number of camels became 18. The problem could now be solved easily since

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 18 = 9$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \text{ of } 18 = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \text{ of } 18 = 2$$

These add up to 17 and the mathematician kept his own camel.

3. No, it is impossible as the two squares removed are both black or both white and a domino covers one white and one black square.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4. \quad \quad \quad 9567 \\ \quad \quad \quad 1085 \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad 10652 \end{array} +$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5. \quad \quad \quad 987654321 = 45 \\ \quad \quad \quad 123456789 = 45 \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad 864197532 = 45 \end{array} -$$

6.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp +  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp = 3d. stamp.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 7. & 1 & 15 & 14 & 4 \\ & 12 & 6 & 7 & 9 \\ & 8 & 10 & 11 & 5 \\ & 13 & 3 & 2 & 16 \end{array}$$

8. Across : 1, 13; 3, 275; 5, 4840; 6, 30; 8, 26; 9, 13; 12, 3,300.  
Down : 2, 340; 3, 245; 4, 70; 6, 3413; 7, 6600; 10, 33; 11, 10.

### NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

**Janet Archer** has completed her medical studies at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School and has been awarded the University of London Honours Degree of M.B.B.S. As a result of her final examinations she was awarded the Llewellyn Scholarship and a number of valuable prizes, being first in nine of her twelve examinations. Janet, whose father was formerly Head Postmaster of Loughborough, and who now lives at 133, Broomfield Avenue, Worthing, has obtained a post as House Physician at Charing Cross Hospital.

**Margaret Cruse** has taken a General Degree in Zoology and Physiology of the University of Sheffield. She has accepted a temporary post at Longslade Upper School, Birstall, as she intends to emigrate to Australia in the near future.

**Pamela Francks**, who has taken an Honours Degree in Physics at Nottingham University, has obtained a post as a member of the Mathematics and Systems Analysis Group of Marconi Co. Ltd.

**Valerie Simpson** has taken a Second Class Honours Degree in Psychology of the University of Durham. She has been appointed a Child Care Officer with the City of Leicester Authority.

**Caroline Wardle**, who has obtained a Second Class Honours Degree (Upper Division) in Mathematics of the London University, is returning to Royal Holloway College to work for a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics.

**Cynthia Willett**, who has obtained a Second Class Honours Degree in English of the University of Sussex, proposes to follow this by a Secretarial Course in London.

In addition **Gail Hunt**, who has successfully completed a Foreign Correspondent's course in French, German and Spanish at Bradford Technical College has obtained a post as Secretary with Languages to a firm of London Accountants.

**Barbara Francks** has obtained the Higher National Diploma, in Business Studies with Languages, of the Lanchester College, Coventry. She is working for a year in Germany.

**Maureen Piggins**, who has been working with the Brush Electrical Co., has obtained the Higher National Diploma in Electrical Engineering.

### OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

The following meetings have been arranged:

3rd January, 1966 : Wine and cheese party.

1st September : Annual General Meeting. Miss Sawdon will speak on plans for the future of the School.

Both meetings will be held in the School Library. School-leavers are cordially invited, and if they wish to join the Association in advance of these dates they should write to the Hon. Secretary: Miss Rachel Goddard, 14, Maple Road, Thurmaston.



